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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 24, 2012  
**TO:** Elevator Contractors  
**FROM:** Rick Merkle, Section Chief  
**SUBJECT:** Category 1 and Category 5 Test Frequency

**Question:**

Are Category 1 tests required to be made in the same year as Category 5 tests?

**Answer:**

Yes. All category 1 tests must be performed at 1 year intervals. All category 5 tests must be performed at 5 year intervals. There are no exceptions in years where both are due. Each category has separate tests and most do not overlap categories.

While a few of the category 1 and 5 tests may be similar in nature, typically category 5 tests will be more detailed. Because of their similarity it may be possible to fulfill both category 1 and 5 requirements for some of these tests.

Once all tests have been performed, test tags required by ASME A17.1 - 8.11.6 must also be completed and displayed as required.

Also please remember that only the category 5 test forms are required to be submitted to department inspectors. Category 1 test forms may be kept in the maintenance records to satisfy the documentation requirement of ASME A17.1 - 8.6.1.4.1 (b).